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# Interim Annual Report

OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND  
CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR

IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR

1941

## **PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

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(Councillor L. Whitehouse, J.P.).

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Councillor T. Berry.

Councillor Dr. A. Frost.

Councillor D. C. Jackson.

Councillor T. King.

Councillor Dr. G. I. Lambe.

Councillor Mrs. D. M. Wesson, J.P.

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Councillor T. King.

Councillor F. A. Wadsworth.

Councillor D. Wallis.

Councillor Mrs. D. M. Wesson, J.P.

### *Co-opted Members :*

The Mayoress ; Mesdames Collins, Greenhough, J.P., Jackson,  
Price, Walton and Wilson.

## STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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*Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer :*

A. H. Kynaston, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

*Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Assistant School Medical Officer :*

Miss L. M. Allen, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

*Consulting Obstetrician :*

J. S. M. Connell, F.R.C.S.

*Veterinary Surgeon :*

H. Yeomans, M.R.C.V.S.

*Chief Sanitary Inspector :*

F. J. Turner, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

*Additional Sanitary Inspectors :*

A. H. Matthews, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A. (R.A.M.C. since 11.3.40).

G. H. Suggitt, M.S.I.A.

*Health Visitors and School Nurses.*

Miss C. L. Evans, S.R.N., C.M.B.

(Superintendent Health Visitor and Child Life Protection Visitor).

Mrs. A. E. Boffey, C.M.B.

Mrs. A. A. Timmins, S.R.N., C.M.B., H.V.Cert., R.S.I.

Miss J. M. Wallace, S.R.N., C.M.B., H.V. Cert., R. S. I. (Resigned 31/5/41.)

Miss A. Davies, C.M.B.

Miss M. Richardson, C.M.B., H.V.Cert., R.S.I. (Temporary Appointment 26.5.41).

*Clerks :*

Chief Clerk : Mr. J. A. Jackson.

Mrs. D. Gill.

Mr. J. W. Barber

Miss M. H. Troman.

(R.A.M.C. since 17.10.40).

Mr. A. Higgs.

Mr. S. Matthewson.

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF  
THE BOROUGH OF WEDNESBURY.

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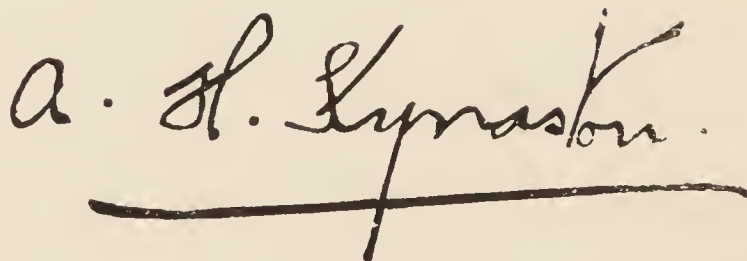
Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report in respect of the year 1941, prepared on lines indicated in Circular 2604 of the Ministry of Health. It is, as were the reports for 1939 and 1940, abridged and interim in character; certain of the statistics and tables usually printed have in accordance with instructions contained in the Circular, been omitted. The health and well-being of the people has in spite of many difficulties been fully maintained, and under their appropriate section you will find recorded the measures taken to ensure this under war-time conditions.

My thanks are due to you, Mr. Mayor, the Chairmen and Committee Members for the careful and helpful consideration which has been given to matters affecting the Public Health. I have received loyal assistance and unremitting service from my colleague, Dr. Allen, and every member of the staff, and continue to be indebted to the Officers of other Departments for help willingly accorded.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "A. H. Lynskey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

*Medical Officer of Health.*

Public Health Department,  
Town Hall, Wednesbury.

September, 1942.

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## SECTION A.

## STATISTICS, 1941.

			Total.	Males.	Females.
Live Births :					
Legitimate	...	...	582	305	277
Illegitimate	...	...	12	7	5
Stillbirths :					
Legitimate	...	...	18	13	5
Illegitimate	...	...	1	—	1
Deaths	...	...	384	222	162

Deaths from Puerperal Causes (headings 29 and 30 of the Registrar-General's Short List) :—

			Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births.
No. 29—Puerperal Sepsis	...	...	1	6.5
No. 30—Other Puerperal Causes	...	...	3	
Total	...	...	4	

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	63.7
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	65.0
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	—

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	46
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	—
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	1
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...	...	...	4



CAUSES OF DEATH IN AGE GROUPS AND WARD DISTRIBUTION, Year 1941.

CAUSES OF DEATH	Under 1	1 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 55	55 to 65	65 and over	Total	Males	Fe-males	WARDS			
															King's Hill	Market	Town Hall	Wood Green
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers.....	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	1	2	—	—	1
Cerebro-Spinal Fever .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Scarlet Fever.....	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—
Whooping Cough .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System .....	2	3	1	1	4	9	—	4	2	—	—	24	12	12	7	1	2	14
Other forms Tuberculosis .....	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	7	2	1	—	4
Syphilitic Disease.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Influenza .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	1	—	—	11	7	4	5	4	1	1
Measles .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Infectious Encephalitis .....	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1
Cancer of Buccal Cavity & Oesophagus (males only)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	3	3	1	2	—	—	1
Cancer of Uterus .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	5	5	9	6	3	4	3	1	1
Cancer of Breast .....	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	1	1	5	—	5	1	—	3	1
Cancer of all other sites ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	5	18	4	28	15	13	5	5	4	14
Diabetes.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	7	3	4	1	3	1	2
Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions .....	1	1	—	1	—	3	—	1	5	20	49	26	15	11	7	7	3	9
Heart Disease .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	15	49	—	78	44	34	30	9	12	27
Other Diseases of the Circulatory System .....	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	6	4	2	2	1	1	2
Bronehitis .....	6	4	2	—	—	1	—	2	11	30	—	47	26	21	8	8	10	21
Pneumonia.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	2	21	14	7	6	1	4	10
Other Respiratory Diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	3	—	—	1	—	2
Ulceration of the Stomach or Duodenum .....	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	1	1	1	6	4	2	1	—	—	5
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	3	1	1	—	2	1
Appendicitis .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Digestive Diseases	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	1	6	1	12	4	8	2	3	2	5
Nephritis .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	4	4	—	2	—	1	1
Puerperal and Post-abortive Sepsis .....	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
Other Maternal Causes.....	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3	6	1	—	1
Premature Birth.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	9	2	—	1	—	4
Congenital Malformations, Birth Injury, Inft. Dis.	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	6	1	1	3	—	3
Suicide .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3	1	2	—	1	2	—
Road Traffic Accidents.....	—	—	1	—	1	—	3	—	2	2	—	9	6	3	2	2	—	5
Other Violent Causes .....	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	5	5	—	1	1	2	1
All Other Causes .....	2	2	2	—	—	1	2	2	—	24	—	37	24	13	16	7	4	10
TOTALS.....	38	14	10	3	5	7	18	17	29	63	180	384	222	162	116	63	56	149

## SECTION B.

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### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Facilities provided were as detailed in the Annual Report for 1938.

On the 28th May, as the result of the town's appeal made by a Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. T. Stanley, a Daimler Civil Ambulance was presented to the Borough as an augmentation of the General and Civil Defence Ambulance Service. On the 29th September the Austin Civil Ambulance and the new Daimler Ambulance were moved from the Fire Station to the Civil Defence Ambulance Depot and are now maintained and manned by the Civil Defence Ambulance Service.

### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

#### Infant Welfare Centres.

Albert Street	Mondays and Thursdays	...	2-30 p.m.
King's Hill	... Tuesdays and Fridays	...	2-30 p.m.
Mesty Croft	... Mondays and Thursdays	...	2-30 p.m.

The King's Hill and Mesty Croft Infant Welfare Centres continue also to serve as First Aid Posts.

Attendances, 1941 :—

	Sessions.	New Cases.		Total Attendances.		
		Under 1 year.	1—5 years.	Under 1 year.	1—5 years.	All Ages.
Albert Street	99	167	24	3182	2095	5277
King's Hill	96	123	17	2396	1165	3561
Mesty Croft	99	181	50	3753	1858	5611
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Total Attendances (all Centres)		...	...	...	...	14,449
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Percentage attendance notified live births		...	...	...	...	79.3

### Ante-Natal Clinics.

			Sessions.	New Cases.	Total Attendances.
Albert Street	...	...	47	227	555
King's Hill	...	...	24	110	332

Number of women attending during year : 386.

Percentage of women confined who attended : 64.9.

### Home Visits by Health Visitors.

To Expectant Mothers.		To Children under 1 year.		To Children between the ages of 1 and 5 years.
First Visits.	Total Visits.	First Visits.	Total Visits.	
147	292	599	2785	3122

Total Visits (all purposes) : 6199.

### Midwives.

The Staffordshire County Council is the Supervising Authority under the Midwives' Acts. Dr. Carruthers, the County Medical Officer of Health, has given me these statistics for the year 1941 :

Number of County Midwives practising in Wednesbury at 31/12/41 ... .. 6

Number of Private Midwives practising in Wednesbury at 31/12/41 ... .. 1

One other independent midwife notified her intention to practise at the beginning of 1941, but took no cases.

Number of confinements attended by County Midwives during year 1941 :—

As MIDWIFE.		As MATERNITY NURSE.	
Live and Stillbirths.	Abortions and Miscarriages.	Live and Stillbirths.	Abortions and Miscarriages.
404	3	43	1

### Births in Institutions.

100 mothers were admitted to Hallam Hospital.



There has, owing to war conditions, been an increasing demand for confinement in hospitals and maternity homes. The birth of a baby necessitates not merely skilled attention at birth but nursing and care in the lying-in period during which the mother has to be relieved of normal family cares—with the increasing difficulty in obtaining this domestic assistance, together with the fact that many of the cases have been first confinements of a mother in lodgings, the demand was not unexpected, but a habit once formed is difficult to break and the practice of domiciliary midwifery seems destined to diminish.

### **Ophthalmia Neonatorum.**

Three cases were notified during the year ; in no instance did impairment of vision result.

### **Maternal Mortality.**

There were four deaths during the year associated with child-birth, institutional treatment was afforded in each instance. With a comparatively small number of births an exceptional number such as this yields a high maternal mortality rate—the usual inquiries instituted did not show any lack of facilities for treatment by which these deaths might have been prevented.

### **Child Life Protection.**

Under Sections 206 to 220 of the Public Health Act, 1936, one child was being received for reward at the end of the year.

### **Nutrition.**

Particular care has been exercised in regard to the nutritional needs of the nursing and expectant mother and of babies and toddlers, and close co-operation exists with the Local Food Executive Officer and his staff. Cod Liver Oil Emulsion, Cod Liver Oil and Malt and Ascorbic Acid (Vitamin C) Tablets were freely available and adequately used in addition to the various dried milks advised by the Medical Officers. On the 8th December the Ministry of Food made available without charge Black Currant Syrup, Black Currant Puree and Cod Liver Oil Compound for children up to two years of age.

National Dried Milk, free or at subsidised price, according to the Ministry of Food Scale, has also been available for prescription.

The Infant Welfare Centres were gladly made available as the main distribution centres, and of the population eligible some 80 per cent. have taken advantage of the free provision of these vitamin preparations.

In conjunction with extra clothing coupons, priority supply of eggs, etc., I think the mother who left one of the Infant Welfare Sessions saying : “ Well, they can’t say they haven’t looked after the children in this war,” was stating nothing but the truth.

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During the week commencing February 3rd, under the auspices of the National Baby Week Council, the talking film “ The Birth of a Baby ” was exhibited at the Gaumont Cinema. Many thousands of adults saw this film ; an Information Bureau was staffed by Health Visitors in the foyer, and handbills and posters dealing with infant care and the Borough’s Maternity and Child Welfare Services were freely distributed and exhibited.

In conjunction with the Ministry of Food, talks on war-time feeding have been given from time to time at the Infant Welfare Centres.

## **SECTION C.**

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### **SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.**

#### **Water.**

Sources of supply are as detailed in the report for the year 1938. Bacteriological and chemical tests have shown that the customary high standard of the supply has been fully maintained.

#### **Drainage and Sewerage.**

Mr. Arthur Booth, M.I.M.C.E., F.R.I.B.A., M.I.Struct.E., Borough Engineer, reports that there have been no extensions during the year. As regards rivers and streams, obstructions have been removed and clearing of worst places carried out.

## SECTION D.

### HOUSING.

No new houses were erected during the year. Mr. T. W. Burns, F.Inst.Hsg., Housing Manager, informs me that during the year 18 slum clearance tenants were re-housed, but that the number still awaiting re-housing is over one hundred—as no building is taking place this accommodation has to be provided by re-let houses; these vacancies are very infrequent—and consequently a considerable time will elapse before they can be dealt with. Meanwhile overcrowding has undoubtedly increased: young people are getting married and no houses being available, residence is maintained with one or other parent, thus aggravating the overcrowding problem. Repair work on account of lack of supplies and labour has been difficult, but the Public Works Department endeavours to carry out essential and urgent work.

## SECTION E.

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Dr. W. D. Carruthers, the County Medical Officer of Health, has given me the following details of the samples of milk taken in course of retail in Wednesbury during 1941 :—

Designation.	Number of Samples submitted.		Cleanliness		T. B.	
			Satis.	Unsatis.	Negative	Positive
Pasteurised ...	2	*1	—	2	1	—
T.T. (Pasteurised)	1		—	1	—	—
Undesignated ...	10	*1	6	4	8	1

\*No Biological Test.

All the pasteurised samples passed the phosphatase test for pasteurisation.



On receipt of the Ministry of Health Circular 2198 of the 25th of November, 1940 all preparers and retailers of food were circularised in regard to precautions necessary to prevent the onset and spread of Alimentary Infections.

## **SECTION F.**

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### **PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.**

Despite war-time conditions the incidence of the notifiable infectious diseases has shewn no marked difference from a normal year, neither Scarlet Fever or Diphtheria were unduly prevalent. Of the cases of Paratyphoid Fever two were connected with an outbreak which originated in the City of Birmingham about the middle of May, due to an infection of synthetic cream by transient carriers.

A Table shewing the incidence of infectious disease in age groups and ward distribution and number of deaths is appended.

121 Throat Swabs were sent to the County Laboratory, 19 being positive for Diphtheria ; 102 negative.

#### **Immunisation against Diphtheria.**

Dr. L. M. Allen, Assistant Medical Officer of Health, who conducts the Immunisation Clinics, reports as follows :—

“ During 1941 958 children received protective treatment against Diphtheria. 355 of these were children between the ages of one and five years, and 603 were between the ages of 5 and 14 years. This is the largest number of children ever protected in the Borough in any one year.

The prophylactic material used was that issued by the Emergency Public Health Laboratory, and the numbers of injections and dosage were those recommended by the Ministry of Health.

Since September, 1936, when Diphtheria immunisation commenced in the Borough, 2,653 children have received protective treatment against the disease. The percentage of school children in the Borough so protected at the end of the year was 39.8 and the percentage of toddlers between 1 and 5 years, 25.4.

Although these figures are encouraging, it is a fact that in order to stamp out Diphtheria from our midst, 70—80% of the child population should be protected. This has been done in other countries, notably Canada and America, where certain towns and districts have practically eradicated the disease. Diphtheria, with the great suffering it entails and often times loss of life, could be stamped out here, but parental apathy and obstinacy prevent the goal being achieved.”

### **Hospital Accommodation for Cases of Infectious Disease.**

From the 1st October the West Midlands Joint Hospital Board became the sole authority for the provision of hospital accommodation for its fourteen constituent authorities. Its hospitals number four—Moxley, opened on that date, and the Infectious Diseases Hospitals of Bilston, Brierley Hill and Seisdon, supplementary beds being obtained when necessary in hospitals maintained by other authorities.

### **Tuberculosis.**

The present unfavourable conditions must inevitably lead to increased incidence and mortality, and the figures for the year under review show an increase of notification of female cases and of deaths. At the end of the year the number of persons on the register was 158, as compared with 163 in 1940, 164 in 1939, and 173 in 1938.

During the year 203 sputum tests were carried out at the County Laboratory, 34 being positive, 169 negative.

### **Vaccination.**

Dr. G. E. V. Morris, the Public Vaccinator, has rendered the following return in respect of the year 1941 :—

Number of Births	...	...	...	480
Vaccinations	...	...	...	51
Declarations	...	...	...	351
Deaths	...	...	...	17
Postponements	...	...	...	19
Removals	...	...	...	12
Not found	...	...	...	14
Cases to be accounted for	...	...	...	16

Wednesbury has a record of Vaccination for which it ought to be ashamed.



**Scabies.**

There has been a considerably increased incidence of this contagious skin disease consequent on war-time conditions, such as overcrowding and slackness in maintaining personal cleanliness. This increased incidence has been noted generally throughout the country, and as a consequence the Minister of Health made an Order under the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, on the 28th October, 1941, whereby additional powers are conferred on Local Authorities for the ascertainment and treatment of persons who may be verminous.

The ascertainment and treatment of members of the school population suffering from such conditions has as formerly been rigorously carried out by the School Medical Service Staff, cases being treated at the School Clinics or when necessary by admission to an institution.

Home visits are made for the inspection of contacts and to ascertain that necessary treatment is being obtained and measures of disinfestation of clothing and bedding are instituted.

Those who harbour lice and itch mites are oftentimes disdainful of their guests, of the measures advised for their destruction and of the necessity of the thorough treatment—they are, however, a source of danger to the community as a whole and further measures are being taken to see that these parasitic infections are cured and prevented.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis)  
IN AGE GROUPS AND WARD DISTRIBUTION, 1941.

DISEASE.	AGE GROUPS.										WARDS.				Cases Admitted to Hospital	Deaths			
	Un-der 1	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 and over	Total cases notified	King's Hill.			Market	Town Hall	Wood Green
Cerebro-Spinal Fever .....	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	6	2	-	-	4	2	3
Continued and Relapsing Fever .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diarrhoea .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria .....	-	2	3	2	1	13	8	3	4	-	-	-	36	15	3	9	9	32	1
Dysentery .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis Lethargica (Acute) .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas .....	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	2	-	7	3	15	6	1	2	6	-	-
Influenza .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles .....	13	25	32	36	41	119	9	1	2	-	-	-	278	56	47	26	149	1	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	2	-	-
Paratyphoid .....	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	3	1	2	-	-	1	-
Plague .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia .....	6	-	-	1	4	2	2	3	18	15	12	3	66	19	7	5	35	1	21
Polio-Encephalitis (Acute) .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis (Acute) .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	5	2	2	-	1	2	-
Puerperal Pyrexia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Sepsis .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	5	9	2	-	-	100	31	7	4	58	29	-
Scarlet Fever.....	-	1	9	2	11	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Small-Pox .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhus Fever .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough .....	7	11	10	7	6	29	2	-	-	-	-	-	72	22	8	18	24	-	1
TOTAL .....	29	40	54	48	65	204	44	15	41	19	19	6	584	154	77	66	288	68	26

TUBERCULOSIS—NEW CASES AND MORTALITY

1939, 1940 and 1941.

Age Groups	NEW CASES.										DEATHS.										
	Respiratory.						Non-Respiratory.				Respiratory.						Non-Respiratory.				
	Males			Females			Males		Females		Males			Females			Males		Females		
	1939	1940	1941	1939	1940	1941	1939	1940	1941	1939	1940	1941	1939	1940	1941	1939	1940	1941	1939	1940	1941
0—1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15	1	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—25	8	6	3	4	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—35	2	8	4	7	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—45	3	2	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—55	4	3	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—65	1	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	20	21	16	15	6	18	7	6	2	1	4	4	15	11	12	5	5	12	4	3	7

CAUSES OF DEATH UNDER ONE YEAR IN AGE GROUPS AND WARD DISTRIBUTION.  
Year 1941.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Under 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 3 months	3 months and under 6 months	6 months and under 9 months	9 months and under 12 months	TOTAL	WARDS			
											Kings Hill	Market	Town Hall	Wood Green
Scarlet Fever ... ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Whooping Cough ... ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Diphtheria ... ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
All other forms of Tuberculosis	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Syphilis ... ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Measles ... ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Heart Disease ... ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bronchitis ... ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pneumonia ... ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Diarrhoea ... ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Premature Birth ... ..	9	1	1	1	11	3	1	1	1	11	6	1	2	4
Congenital Malformations, etc.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	3	1	3
Meningitis ... ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
All Other Causes ... ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
TOTALS...	11	2	4	1	18	9	4	1	6	38	11	5	5	17



TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF  
THE BOROUGH OF WEDNESBURY.

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Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

For the year 1st January to 31st December, 1941, I submit the following brief details of the work carried out by my Department. I trust you will accept the lack of elaboration purely as an effort to minimise the work and time needed to collate a fuller report.

**Public Health Acts. Inspections.**

After complaints	...	...	...	...	...	414
Verminous conditions and disinfestation	...	...	...	...	...	83
Number of houses disinfested—						
Council Houses	...	...	...	...	...	15
Other Houses	...	...	...	...	...	2
Lots of Bedding disinfested	...	...	...	...	...	17
Infectious Disease—visits and enquiries	...	...	...	...	...	473
Works in progress	...	...	...	...	...	188
Cinemas and Theatres	...	...	...	...	...	4
Smoke Abatement—						
Observations	...	...	...	...	...	1
Visits to plant	...	...	...	...	...	3
Filthy conditions	...	...	...	...	...	4
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	230
Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	...	407

**Housing Act.**

Miscellaneous visits and enquiries	...	...	...	723
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**Food and Drugs Act and Milk and Dairies Acts and Orders.**

Number of visits to slaughterhouses	...	...	...	343
Number of carcasses inspected	...	...	...	14,136
Total weight of meat condemned and surrendered				8 tons, 8 cwts., 1 qr.
Weight of other food condemned and surrendered				16 cwts., 1 qr., 4 lbs.
Food-preparing premises inspected	...	...	...	1
Fish-frying premises inspected...	...	...	...	18



Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	...	1
Food shops inspected	...	...	...	...	...	45
Bakehouses inspected	...	...	...	...	...	2
Visits re Food Poisoning enquiries	...	...	...	...	...	4

#### **Factories Act.**

Factories with power—inspected	...	...	...	...	10
Factories without power—inspected	...	...	...	...	3
Workplaces inspected	...	...	...	...	1
Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	12

#### **Rats and Mice Destruction Act.**

Premises inspected	...	...	...	...	...	34
Re-inspections	...	...	...	...	...	22

#### **Miscellaneous Visits.**

Salvage, A.R.P., etc.	...	...	...	...	...	1,231
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#### **Collection and Disposal of Refuse.**

Visits to Refuse Tips	...	...	...	...	...	37
Total weight of refuse collected (estimated) including	200					
tons dealt with by incineration	...	...	...	...	7,590 tons	
Total weight of materials salvaged	...	...	...	...	324 tons	

I wish to express appreciation of the loyal co-operation of Mr. G. H. Suggitt, your Additional Sanitary Inspector, and Messrs. Higgs and Matthewson, the two clerks of the Department.

I thank all Members of the Council for their co-operation.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

FREDK. J. TURNER,

Chief Sanitary Inspector,

M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Sanitary Department,  
Wednesbury.

June, 1942.

